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TAGS: ELAB, ICFTU, ILO  
SUBJECT: REACTION TO US LETTER OF NOTIFICATION TO THE ILO

1. INITIAL REACTION TO THE US LETTER OF NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN  
GENERALLY MILD WITH SOME OFFICIALS OF BRUSSELS-BASED INTERNA-  
TIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS COMMENTING FAVORABLY ON ITS  
CONCILIATORY TONE AND CONSTRUCTIVE NATURE. WHILE LEADERS OF  
THESE INTERNATIONALS REMAIN UNANIMOUSLY CONVINCED THAT THE  
DECISION TO GIVE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW WAS A SERIOUS  
MISTAKE, OUR EARLY SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT EVEN SOME OF THE MOST  
SEVERE CRITICS OF THE ACTION SEEM SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED BY THE  
LETTER ITSELF. THERE IS A GENERAL FEELING THAT THE US HAS NOT  
CLOSED THE DOOR ON CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILO AFTER THE  
TWO YEAR PERIOD OF NOTIFICATION ELAPSES.

2. ICFTU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY VANDERVECKEN, AN EXPER-  
IENCED ILO HAND, HAS BEEN THE MOST POSITIVE OF THE TRADE UNION  
REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED THUS FAR. HE WAS  
PARTICULARLY LAUDATORY ABOUT POINT TWO OF THE LETTER DEALING  
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WITH "SELECTIVE CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS." HE CONFIDED THAT THIS

IS AN AREA WHICH HE PERSONALLY FEELS HAS BEEN LONG NEGLECTED.  
VANDERVECKEN ALSO TOLD US THAT ACCORDING TO ICFTU REPORTS  
FROM GENEVA AFL2CIO WORKER DELEGATE IRVING BROWN IS ALSO QUITE  
SATISFIED WITH THE LETTER AND THAT THERE EXISTS AN AMBIENT  
IN WHICH PEOPLE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PRESERVING THE ILO  
CAN AT LEAST BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR ACCOMMODATION AND CHANGE  
WHICH WOULD KEEP THE US IN THE FAMILY.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THE MOOD AND  
ATTITUDES OF BRUSSELS-BASED LABOR LEADERS SINCE THE PUBLICATION  
OF THE LETTER OF NOTIFICATION. WHILE THEY ARE STILL SERIOUSLY  
PREOCCUPIED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL US WITHD  
AWAL  
AND THE "DESTRUCTIVE CONSEQUENCES" OF SUCH AN ACTION, THEY SEE  
SOME CAUSE FOR HOPE IN THE UNEXPECTEDLY "CONSTRUCTIVE AND RES-  
PONSIBLE" TONE OF THE US POSITION AS EXPRESSED IN THE LETTER  
OF NOTIFICATION.MORRIS UNQTE KISSINGER

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